



Agenda Item Number: 2006-3-9B

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: March 28th, 2006

Department: Economic Development **Staff Contact:** Daniel Gutiérrez, ED Coordinator.
Sandy Fish, Planning and Zoning Director
Julie M. Baca, Deputy County Manager for
Community Services

TITLE: Impact Fee Waiver

ACTION: Motion to approve an Economic Base Development Impact Fee Waiver to Outpost Ice Arena.

SUMMARY:

Outpost Ice Arena is expanding their facility at 9530 Tramway Boulevard NE for the purpose of constructing a state-of-the-art ice sport venue. The arena will include a training facility, an additional ice rink, curling lanes and other amenities that would attract regional and national ice events to the area. The Impact Fee Ordinance provides an Economic Base Development fee exemption for qualified projects in unincorporated Bernalillo County. To qualify for the exemption, the applicant must demonstrate positive economic gains to Bernalillo County. Outpost Ice Arena requests an impact fee waiver in the amount of \$65,866.72.

Outpost Ice Arena has been in operation in Bernalillo County since 1986. It is Bernalillo County's first and only ice arena. The project will include a copyrighted twin rink design making it the only facility of its kind in the area. The estimated costs for construction is between \$3.6 - \$5 Million. Currently there are eight full-time and 52 part-time employees. It is expected that the Arena will employ a total of 80 part-time employees once the construction is completed. The company intends to be in operation for the minimum 10-year period. The company has agreed to all the conditions set forth in the ordinance.

The proposed project must meet the Economic Base Development Waiver Application criteria (Attachment 1 & 2). The applicant has addressed these requirements in its application for waiver. The Office of Economic Development must point out that Outpost Ice Arena is applying under a "expanding business engaged in retail." Mr. Bob Martin of Outpost Ice Arena has set forth in his application that Outpost rents and sells ice time; therefore it satisfies the engagement requirements. Additionally, he estimates that once construction is completed he will meet the job requirement of 15 full time jobs, guaranteed for 4 years with a salary exceeding Bernalillo County's average wage.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Economic Base Development Waiver Application
2. Applicant's Submittal packet

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

The Outpost Ice Arena has met the requirements for the Impact Fee Waiver and the proposed expansion will generate positive economic impact for Bernalillo County. I recommend Board approval. TL 3/20/2006

LEGAL

The subject waiver is allowed pursuant to the Impact Fee Ordinance. PFT 3/20/06

ELECTED OFFICIAL/OTHERS

Economic Development

Recommend approval. See summary narrative.

Zoning

This project was reviewed and approved by Zoning. It meets a community need and we recommend approval. SNF 03/15/06